

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 174

Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande

August 12, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 174—Relative to California Solar Professionals Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 174, as introduced, Nestande. California Solar Professionals Day.

This measure would declare November 8, 2014, as California Solar Professionals Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is leading nation in solar projects and
2 the employment sector is a rapidly growing one; and
3 WHEREAS, Skilled solar professionals are key to continuing
4 growth in this market; and
5 WHEREAS, There are more than 1,861 solar companies at work
6 in California, employing more than 47,223 workers; and
7 WHEREAS, These solar companies provide a wide range of
8 services and products; and
9 WHEREAS, 49 percent of solar companies were expected to
10 add employees last year, with a total of 10,500 new employees
11 added by November 2014, which equals 22.3 percent growth; and
12 WHEREAS, The solar industry in California employs more than
13 5 times the number of workers than the next largest solar
14 employing state; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 73 percent of new solar jobs are newly
2 created positions; and

3 WHEREAS, Employment in the solar industry is generally very
4 diverse; and

5 WHEREAS, Job growth in the solar sector is nearly 5 times
6 faster than the statewide growth rate; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2013, California installed 2746 megawatts of
8 solar electricity capacity, ranking the state first in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, There is enough solar power installed in the state
10 to power more than 1.7 million homes and California ranks first
11 in the nation for installed solar power; and

12 WHEREAS, Solar installations have expanded rapidly and the
13 industry has become more efficient and productive; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
16 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares November 8,
17 2014, as California Solar Professionals Day; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.